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California State Parks Announces \$184 Million in Proposition 84 Park Grants

California State Parks announced today that 62 grants under the Sustainable Communities and Climate Change Reduction Chapter of Proposition 84 have been selected for funding. The grants will be going to cities, counties, park districts and non-profit organizations all across California and will create 50 new parks and improve 12 existing parks.

The grant recipients were selected in round one of two grant distributions authorized under the statewide park program within Proposition 84. In the Proposition, \$400 million was made available for the acquisition and development of park and recreation facilities. Priority is given to new parks and the expansion of overused parks.

In administering the program, the California State Parks' Office of Grants and Local Services received far more grant applications than there is money available in the program. In round one alone, more than 475 applications requesting more than \$1.6 billion in funding were received. That far exceeded the \$184 million available in round one. A second round will take place for the second half of the funding at a later date and those not selected in round one can resubmit their applications for the second round.

"The outpouring of applications from the urban and rural communities involved in this competitive program clearly shows the extent of unmet recreation needs throughout California," said Ruth Coleman, director of California State Parks. "The benefits of these parks will be felt in the concrete-covered urban landscapes as well as the rural agricultural towns for decades to come. Especially heartwarming about the applications was the participation of children, seniors and families in determining what they wanted in their local parks."

A list of the selected projects can be found at www.parks.ca.gov/grants.

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